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Dear George,

If it is possible I'll be holding a press conference after Labor Day, after my lawyer, who has to be away, has caught up with what he has to file in my FOIA cases. I think it will be possible but it will present some problems because I can't drive to Washington. While I can ride, those who could provide the ride all work. My younger friends. After we were last in touch I had further and emergency arterial surgery.

In the oldest of all FOIA suits, beginning with a 1966 request - the case over which Congress amended the investigatory files exemption in 1974 and opened FBI and CIA files- I've just completed a book-length affidavit. It is 112 pages of text and has 82 exhibits, mostly once secret FBI records. The suit is for the results of the scientific testing in the JFK assassination investigation. We've deposed FBI Lab agents in this case and have learned significant information from that. We've also learned a bit from discovery. And I've gotten records not provided in this case from other litigation.

The FBI did destroy evidence and the results of scientific testing, unless they are lying. Which they are about other things. They did know that they were making phoney tests and they pretended otherwise and went ahead with them. They knew, for example, that the curbstone struck by the "missed" bullet had been patched but they went ahead, made spectrographic examination of the patch, of all things, and then withheld from what they gave the Commission so the Commission would believe that the test proved the impact of a bullet, which it didn't. When I say they know it, I have that record. It is the synopsis of the report they gave to the Commission -without that synopsis.

After all the many remands, after the case going to the Supreme Court, after its leading the Congress to open those files, and even after reminders of all of this by judges and Department officials in internal records, the FBI is still withholding the results of tests the performance of which was testified to by lab agents. The reason is that the test results destroy the official account of the crime. As much new evidence now does.

It really was a non-investigation, and this, in part, is what is being covered up now. They even conned the Directors, Hoover and Kelley in the exhibits I use in this affidavit. I've gotten and use some of the evidence the FBI deliberately avoided. By such dorning-do investigations as ignoring all of the 18 motorcycle cops who provided JFK's escort that day.